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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 64-105 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 64-105 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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### **RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT**

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE amendment received on September 27, 2007.

Claims 1-63 have been cancelled.

Claims 64-105 are newly presented.

Claims 64-105 are presented for examination.

### **The New Grounds of Rejection**

2. Applicant's amendment and arguments received on September 27, 2007 have been fully considered, however they are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102**

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 64-105, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Prince U.S. Patent application No. **20040148506A1**.

5. As to claim 64, Prince teaches a method of controlling electronic mail (e-mail) message transmission over a network comprised of:

receiving, by a third entity, a first set of encoded e-mail addresses from a first entity, wherein said first set of encoded e-mail addresses represents e-mail addresses to which an e-mail message could be sent (refer to paragraph 0059);

compiling, by said third entity, a second set of encoded e-mail addresses, wherein said second set of encoded e-mail addresses represents e-mail addresses to which said e-mail message should not be sent (refer to paragraph 0030); and

removing, by said third entity, from said first set of encoded e-mail addresses, each encoded e-mail address that is in said second set of encoded e-mail addresses thereby yielding a third set of encoded e-mail addresses, wherein said third set of encoded e-mail addresses represents e-mail addresses to which said e-mail message may be sent, wherein a second entity is a source of said e-mail message (refer to paragraph 0048).

6. As to claim 65 Prince teaches the method of claim 64 wherein receiving said first set of encoded e-mail addresses includes receiving a first set of hash coded e-mail addresses (refer to paragraph 0031).

7. As to claim 66 Prince teaches the method of claim 64 wherein said first entity is an e-mail mass mailer (refer to paragraph 0059).

8. As to claim 67 Prince teaches the method of claim 64 wherein removing, by said third entity, from said first set of encoded e-mail addresses, each encoded e-mail

address that is in said second set of encoded e-mail addresses thereby yielding said third set of encoded e-mail addresses comprises:

    sorting said first set of encoded e-mail addresses into a first ordered list of encoded e-mail addresses wherein said encoded e-mail addresses are in ascending order (refer to paragraph 0032);

    sorting said second set of encoded e-mail addresses into a second ordered list of encoded e-mail addresses wherein encoded e-mail addresses are in ascending order; beginning with a first entry in said first ordered list of encoded e-mail addresses, and

    beginning with a first entry in said second ordered list, comparing the first entry in said first ordered list to the first entry in said second ordered list then successive entries in said second ordered list, until the value of an entry in said second ordered list equals or exceeds the value of the first entry in said first list (refer to paragraph 0032); and

    removing the first entry from said first list upon the detection in said second ordered list of the first entry in said first ordered list, thereby yielding said third set of encoded e-mail addresses (refer to paragraph 0032).

9. As to claim 68 Prince teaches the method of claim 64 further including sending said third set of encoded e-mail addresses to an e-mail mass mailer via a data network (refer to paragraph 0059).

a. As to claim 69 Prince teaches the method of claim 64 further including:

    identifying e-mail addresses that are encoded in said third set of encoded e-mail addresses (refer to paragraph 0059); and

e-mailing said e-mail message to said identified e-mail addresses (refer to paragraph 0059).

10. Claims 70-105 do not teach or define any new limitation above claims 64-69 therefore, they are rejected for similar reasons

11. Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in its entirety as potentially teaching of all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

### **Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawki S Ismail whose telephone number is 571-272-3985. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached at 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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